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- Men shrink from cruel Death. But honor crafty Time. -F. W. Bourdillon.

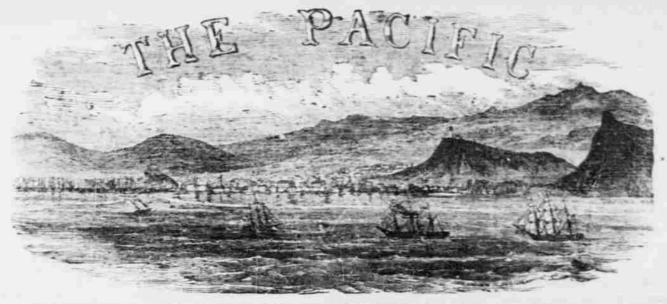
The Dancer.

- He met her at the picnic He melted at her glance, And he murmured sadly in her car,
- "Dear heart, I cannot dance." Now the green shadowed woods resound With airs of sunny France;
- In many figures o'er the ground The youths and maidens prance. But who is he, far down the glen
- Who eyes this scene askance? Who shuns the eyes of maids and men? "Tis he who cannot dance.
- Not dance? Yet see! behold him there, Observe him lesp and prance;
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- Ha, ha! His wide, wide pants Are full of fifteen thousand times Ten thousand thousand ants. -Burlington Hawkeye.

VARIETY.

- A Seotch wit says there is no reason why the phonograph should not be spoken of as "she." It repeats everything.
- The "intelligent compositor" who made it read, " In the midst of life we are in debt," wasn't so much out of the way after all.
- Mi dear friend, az strange az it may seem to yu, mankind had rather see yu fail than succeed, bekause they had rather pity than admire .-Josh Billings.
- A courtly negro recently sent a reply to an invitation, in which he "regretted that circumstances repugnant to the acquiescence would prevent his acceptance to the invite." Old wine is wholesome; old pippins tooth-
- somest; old wood burns brighest; old linens wash whitest; old debts are surest, and old maids-what? Some people are always ungrateful, no matter
- how much you do for them. It is like striking a fly off a mule's hind leg; you only get a kick
- everything said in its presence without any regard for blushes. Enthusiastic young lady: "You are fond of music, Colonel?" Colonel F.—: "Music?
- -of-of any kind !" There is a burden of care in getting riches, fear in keeping them, temptation in using them, guilt in using them, and a burden of account
- at last to be given up concerning them. If you would be clear and forcible don't use foreign words. Be natural. A man never stops to hunt up a foreign word when he is
- stung by a hornet .- Oil City Derrick. It is recorded that an humble tomb towards the sunset bears as part of its memorial legend these words: "He was the first man that
- Horace Greeley ever told to git West Likewise he was hanged for stealing a mule." A sailor, exhorting at a prayer meeting in the Bethel Home, said that on dark, stormy nights, while on the bounding billows of the lake, he had often been greatly comforted by that beautiful
- passage in Holy Writ, "Faint heart never won fair lady." "I have calculated," said the eminent arithmetic-man, " that the average man speaks three hours a day, at the average speed of one hundred words a minute, say twenty-nine octavo pages an hour, or six hundred a week; consequently, in the course of a year the average man talks fifty-two large volumes." "Sir," said ertson's Bookstore, Honolulu. one of the audience, a man of scant respect for the sex to which he owed a mother, "does
- your calculation apply also to women?" "It does, sir," coldly replied the eminent arithmetician; "all you have to do is this," and he puts an 0 after the 25. THE MORALITIES OF CARDS AND CROQUET .-One day this Summer we rode fifty miles in a railway car, seated behind four men who were playing with those awful playthings of the devil-cards. They played euchre until they were tired of it. They played a little seven-up, pedro, and occasionally a trifle of poker. We never heard a dispute. Their bursts of merriment occasionally at some unexpected play repeatedly drew our eyes from our book. They never quarreled, and never called names once. When we got out at our station we sat at our window and watched a party of young men and maidens play croquet. In fifteen minutes we saw two persons cheat successfully. We heard the one player who did not cheat accused of cheating five times. We heard four distinct, bitter quarrels. We heard a beautiful young
- girl tell two lies and a meek looking young man three, and finally we saw the young girl throw her mallet against the fence so hard it frightened a horse, the other young girl pounded her mallet so hard on the ground that it knocked the buds off an apple tree, they both banged into the house at different doors, and the two young men looked sheepish and went off after a drink. Now, why is this? Isn't croquet a good, moral game ?- Hawkeye.
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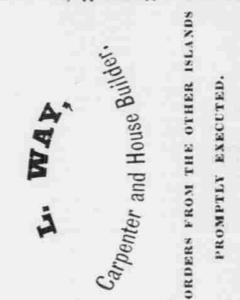
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